



Match Report

Opponent: Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Date: 16 Sep 06

B Match: Navy 81 IUP 3
A Match: Navy 60 IUP 0

B Match

Navy's hard work, time, and effort showed bright in the match against IUP, as the Midshipmen controlled much of the flow of the game. From the start, Navy's efforts gave our forwards the ability to control every Navy scrum, and steal most of the opponent's put-ins. A new prop, #3 Chris Mozer, showed his diving skills when he scored a try at the 5:30 mark, which was converted by #15 Rob Miller. Within minutes, #11 Ryan Bohning walked in a try, again converted by Miller, making the score 14 – 0 before the 10 minute mark. IUP capitalized off of a penalty near the Navy 22 meter line, scoring their only points from the kick, with a score 14 – 3. However, #2 Brian Geisen was able to score a try within minutes, with no conversion. Twenty-two minutes into the game, #4 Cory Ridge showed his moves by completing a 720 degree spin move to put the ball in the try zone, with no conversion. Navy's forwards kept possession of the ball away from IUP by stealing several more scrums before the end of the

half, allowing #15 Rob Miller to dive in for a try, which he converted. The half ended with a score line of Navy 31, IUP 3.

The second half was prosperous for Navy, with Mozer plowing through two defenders to score his second try of the game at the 42 minute mark, Miller converted. Again, within minutes, Bohning was able to put in another try, but it was not converted. With the score now 43 – 3, Navy did not ease up at all, with #12 Van Dorn dotting the ball in-gaol at the 52 minute mark. Miller converted. Number 10, Dave Christenson, showed his speed with a nearly 60 meter return from the kick-off, giving Navy great field position. Christenson then was able to score a try at the 57 minute mark, and Miller converted. Navy also dominated all line-outs, winning nearly all of them. Flanker, Brandon Noble was able to capitalize off of a line-out and put five more points on the board, which Miller converted. Just a few minutes later, #9, Charles Smith scored, which was not converted. Navy then had a

huge run off of the kick-off, passing the ball smoothly, and showing great support, allowing Noble to get another try, which was not converted, making the score 74 – 3. Again, IUP kicked off to Navy, and the team worked together to get the ball quickly down the field, and put Christenson in the try zone again at 74 minutes, Miller converted. The referee soon ended the game with a final score of Navy 81 IUP 3.

A Match

After a very impressive performance from Navy B, the Navy A side took on the top-side from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. For the first 15 minutes of the match, it appeared that this was going to be a tough battle, but then Navy's superior fitness and skill began to shine through. The forward pack dominated an undersized IUP team, as #8 Andrew Vagley scored (his first of 6 tries) at the 15 minute mark off an impressive Navy maul. Twelve minutes later, Navy fullback Paul Bailey displayed nimble and agile footwork as he danced around numerous IUP defenders to walk into the try zone, converted by #11 Chase Hobby, Navy 12-0. After another physical few minutes, fly-half Graham Cleveland found some space with a kick down the field, the IUP wing retrieved and kicked the ball under pressure straight into the open arms of flanker Bob Sise, who strolled

40 meters into the try-zone. One minute later, wing Adam Niznik finished off a series of moves by touching down for a try between the posts. Hobby converted to make the half-time score 26-0.

After some motivational words from Head Coach Mike Flanigan, Navy came out firing in the second half. With some very successful mauling and forceful forwards play, scrumhalf Kevin Dewey got the ball to Cleveland who found a hole in the weakening IUP defense, converted by Hobby. At this point, the Andrew Vagley show really began, as he took advantage of every loose ball, and used his explosive speed to score 5 second-half tries. Flanker Bobby Sise scored a try in the midst of Vagley's domination, as the match was wrapped up, the final score being Navy 60, IUP 0. This was the first league game for Navy and it showed the hard work and effort that the team has been putting in at practice. With an off-week upcoming, Navy should be well rested when they travel to Ohio State on September 30th, for their next match.